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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 9, 2008, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks along with a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and all applicable fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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